

13. (original) An adjustable thumb pick for stringed musical instruments, as set forth in claim 4, wherein a long axis of the slot through the band is generally transverse to a thumb axis of the thumb passage defined by the band.

14. (canceled)

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Parent claim 1 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of claim 2 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 3 has been rewritten to be dependant upon claim 1 as amended. Claim 3 is allowable together with claim 1 for reasons set forth above.

The allowance of claims 4-13 as filed is appreciated by Applicant.

Claim 14 has been canceled.

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In view of the above, this application as amended is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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